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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Bruon PROVOT, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: NEUTRON ABSORBENT MATERIAL CONTAINING BORON CARBIDE AND HAFNIUM, AND PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING THIS MATERIAL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached International and French Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references were provided in the International application.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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